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## BROWNSVILLE AGAIN.

That President Roosevelt should put forth every possible effort to justify his discharge of the battalion of the 25th regiment by securing testimony and facts that would establish the guilt of those suspected of being implicated in the Brownsville raid, was to be expected.

In the President's special message to Congress last Monday, dealing with the Brownsville affair, he presents the confession of Conyers, one of the discharged soldiers, and this confession not only gives the names of the other leaders in the conspiracy, but even gives the details of the plans for the raid, if what is reported is true.

We regret it not because we would have preferred that a crime remain unearthed, but we regret it because it makes a fool of so many of our race who have been denouncing the President so bitterly for the discharge of the soldiers.

On the other hand, The Bee welcomes the finding of the guilty men since it will wipe the stain of disgrace from the innocent men of the Twenty-fifth who were made to suffer with the guilty.

If the President has established the guilt of these soldiers, regrettable as the whole thing is, it carries a valuable lesson, and that is it never pays to resort to unreasonable criticism of men and officials until we have all the facts, pro and con. It is always wise to husband your wrath over night in hope that the morning will bring evidence to dispell it without harm to any one.

Possibly no president that has ever occupied the White House has seen so little of the Irish, the German, the Welsh and the Negro in a man, and more of the real worth, honesty and nobleness than President Roosevelt, and that is why the great body of the well thinking members of the race refused to attribute his discharge of the colored soldiers to their color.

For the race The Bee has this advice—Let reason be enthroned where rashness has reigned. Let us wait all the developments—all the facts.

## THAT SOCIAL FUNCTION.

The Daily Press last week published an account of a social function tendered the trustees of the Jean Fund; that is, to the colored members.

There were present some of the best known colored citizens in the country. It was a repast fit for the gods.

Dr. Booker T. Washington, Dr. Derrick, Ex-Gov., P. B. S. Pinchback, Dr. John R. Francis, Bishop Grant, Register W. T. Vernon and many other distinguished colored Americans.

Now, just suppose Hon. Henry B. Macfarland, Judge Taft, and the other white members of the committee had given a social function and failed or refused to invite the colored members of

the committee, what would the sentiment be?

There has been so much agitation, condemnation and criticism of drawing the color line by the white people, when in fact the colored people are more guilty of the offense than the white people.

The color line is drawn more among and by the more highly educated colored men than by the second class colored people. It would have been all well enough for the committee to have said that a dinner was given Doctor Washington, Doctor Derrick and others, and made no mention of the Jean Fund trustees.

The Bee is of the opinion that a few "smart Alec's" had a few fish to fry and wanted to parade themselves before Doctor Washington, or they may have had a few "hot air" speeches to get off. There was a great deal of fulsome praise of Doctor Washington, which he didn't appreciate.

Intelligent colored men, above all others, should exercise good sense and sound judgment. Cease drawing the color line and "Jim Crowing" ourselves; then the more intelligent people of the opposite race will appreciate the Negro.

## CHANCELLOR'S TIRADE.

William E. Chancellor is never happy unless he is attacking the public schools. He is still at his graft hobby. Why didn't he prove graft on those to whom he referred in his attack some few months ago. He had every bit of the machinery of the government at the time. Chancellor was all talk, just as he is now. There could not be any graft in the appointment of the teachers without his knowledge, because he appointed them all. Does he want the people to infer that he was a party to it?

Chancellor made all the appointments for the white and colored schools, and not even the members of the Board of Education had any say in the appointment of teachers. The old man had better take a rest.

The public schools will be improved next year.

The Board of Education will make a few changes in the supervising principalship.

The check matter is in the hands of the District Attorney.

It is not believed that any criminal intent was meant in the check case.

The Board of Education intends to make an example of the wrong-doers.

William E. Chancellor will write another book, and then cease.

Chancellor never gets tired of writing. The last time Dr. Chancellor addressed a colored audience in this city he assured the colored people that they were his sisters and brothers. He was under fire then. The Bee was behind him.

The people object to the Normal school being under the supervision of Howard University, or any part of it.

Captain Oyster's reply to Chancellor is all that is necessary. Chancellor continues to feel the sting of The Bee.

## AFRAID OF THE NEGRO?

In the discussion of the temperance question, the Anti-Saloon declared that the liquor question, if submitted to the people, would be defeated because of the Negro vote. There are as many white people who drink whiskey as there are colored people. The colored voter, in this city, can vote as intelligently as the white voter. If Congress restored suffrage to the people of this city, the colored citizens would know how to vote. They would vote for men who would protect his interests.

There was a time when the colored citizen knew but one party. He has long since been taught to divide his vote.

These Anti-Saloon agitators are a class of humbugs. They pretend to think more of the inner welfare of the people than they do of the thousands of people in this city who need food.

The man who neither smokes nor drinks is a dangerous individual in society, and there is no exception to the rule.

The Bee has never seen a moral man who neither smokes nor drinks. The moralists should beware of such individuals. These men have faults more dangerous to society than the whiskey drinker.

Whenever a person attempts to regulate the morals of society, you can just bet that something is wrong.

## MR. JOHN F. COOK.

Mr. John F. Cook, no doubt one of the most prominent and leading citizens of this city, was suddenly stricken with paralysis last week. Mr. Cook has held some of the most important positions in the gift of the people.

Why is a colored newspaper in Washington like a grave yard?

Because there is always room for one more.

## NEED OF NEGRO PHYSICIANS.

One of the most effective and permanent forces available for the uplift of the family and the moralization of the social life of the Negro, is the trained physician. The urgent call for efficient men in this profession is emphasized by the prevailing physical conditions in the Negro race. The startling fact of a death rate twice as great as that among whites; a death rate from tuberculosis three times as great; and physical conditions in some sections worse than under slavery, gives emphasis to the call for the trained physician.

The thorough preparation of the Negro doctor involves the well-being of both races. For weel or woe, the growing millions are bound together. In thousands of communities epidemics and disease in one race menace all. For the study of diseases peculiar to the Negro; for the prevention of epidemics that involve all; for the lessening of the frightful mortality of a race the Negro physician must be trained.

The Negro is a fixture in our Democracy. The four millions of yesterday will be the twenty millions in the near tomorrow. The Negro is set for the rising or falling of American civilization. Economic efficiency also is involved. The Negro is to furnish the strong hands that must largely do the work in our semi-tropical South, with imperial resources yet undeveloped. Leaving out the question of humanity and the safe guarding of national health, economic efficiency alone calls for the thorough equipment of physicians for the Negro race.—Dr. Thirkield of Howard University in the Southern Workman.

NOTES OF RACIAL PROGRESS. As Reported By The National Negro Business League.

The Farmers' Improvement Society of the state of Texas, with a membership of 100,000, contemplate opening a second Negro bank in Fort Worth, capitalized at \$50,000.

Dr. J. W. Darden is the only colored physician in Opelika, Ala. He has a very extensive practice in the surrounding country as well as in the town. He is also the proprietor of one of the finest and most complete drug stores of any colored druggist in the South, and is a very useful and interested member of the local Business League.

The Crown Savings Bank, incorporated, located at Newport News, Va., opened its doors for business July 23. At the close of business October 23, they made a statement to the State Corporation Commission of their financial condition, in which it can be seen that during the three months they had been in operation, the amount of deposits increased from a little over \$4,000, the first day of opening, to \$7,697.03. E. C. Brown is president and C. B. McIntire, cashier.

We learn from the New York Age that the local Negro Business League has plans on foot for a vigorous year's work. Among other things, they are to hold a large public meeting immediately after Christmas, and the work of organizing and encouraging our people in business direc-

tions is to be followed up more closely than ever. They have in mind the securing of one or two noted speakers for this occasion.

The only colored foreman, Joseph Thomas, of Minersville, Pa., employed on the Schuylkill Valley division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, has been awarded \$50.00 in gold for having the best section of trackage covering the distance from 52nd Street, Philadelphia through to Lytle, a distance of 95 miles. This prize is the result of his competition against a score of white foremen in the company's last fiscal year.

The board of directors at the State Fair Association, Augusta, Ga., have declared a ten per cent. dividend, payable, December 1st. The managers are being congratulated in their first effort which was commendable in every way. The Fair was held October 12-17 and was conducted in such an excellent manner that the directors not only made enough to declare a dividend above, but to put a neat sum in the treasury besides.

A syndicate of colored men in Valdosta, Ga., incorporated under the title: The Enterprise Stock Company, are doing a very extensive and prosperous business. They own a two-story brick building with two stories on the ground floor and offices and a large hall on the second floor. The offices are all occupied. In one of the store rooms, nearly everything usually kept in a general mercantile establishment, is found. Mr. C. R. Rivers is manager of this store and Mr. T. H. Hudson is president of the company. In the other store-room is the People's Meat and Fish Market, with Mr. W. L. McKinzie as proprietor. There are quite a number of other business enterprises in this Southern Georgia town successfully conducted by members of the race.

## NEGRO CONGRESS ON TUBERCULOSIS.

First Health Exhibition for the Race—Tuskegee, Alabama.—A "health exhibition," the first ever devoted wholly to the welfare of Negroes, will be held here beginning Monday, December 14 and concluding Saturday, December 19. The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis will send its traveling exhibit known as the American Tuberculosis Exhibition. An extensive program of illustrated addresses, platform meetings and conferences will be conducted by a strong local committee under the direction of an advisory board, including representative colored men and women in all parts of the country.

Without undue elaboration the program will be along the lines of the recent International Congress on Tuberculosis at Washington. Practically a Negro Congress on Tuberculosis or consumption will be held for the study and prevention of that dread disease. In addition to the medical sessions the program will give particular attention to the general topics discussed at Washington at they relate to the colored race. Meetings will be held for ministers, teachers and physicians, and for representatives of the Colored Young Men's Christian Association, Colored Young Women's Christian Association, colored women's clubs, Negro Business Leagues, school improvement associations, etc. Popular stereopticon talks will be given for the people generally and for the school children.

The general advisory board represents the influential men and women of the race in many states. Strong local committees have been appointed and special efforts will be made to secure delegates and individual visitors from many cities. Churches, societies, schools and colleges are urged to send delegates. Detailed programs will be announced soon. The American Tuberculosis Exhibition which has been shown in three countries, will be displayed in commodious quarters on the grounds of Tuskegee Institute.

A "Health Week" is announced to begin Sunday, December 13, on which day it is requested that all colored churches, Sunday Schools, and young peoples meetings everywhere will give special attention to the "gospel of good health and right living." During the week it is hoped that local societies and clubs of colored people throughout the country will hold at least one meeting to discuss tuberculosis or consumption and how to keep well. Every one who is interested and will help in any fashion as well as those expecting to be present are urged to correspond

with Dr. John A. Kenney, secretary local committee, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

## APPEAL FOR THE FREEDMEN. SPEAKER CANNON ASKED TO ACT.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 1908.

Hon. Joseph G. Cannon, Speaker of House of Representatives,

Dear Sir:

Senate 48 an act to appropriate one million dollars to reimburse depositors in the Freedman's Saving and Trust Co., passed the Senate April 6, 1908, without a dissenting vote, and reported to the House May 11, without amendment. There are sixty-one thousand, one hundred and thirty-one persons who lost money by the failure of this Co. and a large number of these are getting old and need relief. I have talked to the leaders of both parties and they all agree that it should be considered.

This measure has the endorsement of the Executive Departments, as can be seen by the reports, and we the undersigned pray that you will recognize the Hon. W. B. McKinley, to call it up on the 9th of December. We have a large petition signed by the colored people throughout the country, praying for immediate action on the same. I may add that nearly all of the members of Congress seem to be willing to have this measure considered.

Rev. James L. White, 2533 1/2 15th St., N. W.; Geo. W. Cabanis, M.D., 1744 K St., N. W.; E. M. Hewlett, Atty. at Law, 317 4 1/2 St., N. W.; W. C. Martin, Atty. at Law, 503 D St., N. W.; L. M. King, Atty. at Law, 609 F St., N. W.; Joseph H. Stewart, Atty. at Law, 609 F St., N. W.; Geo. W. Stewart, 1109 19th St., N. W.; Jno. R. Francis, 2112 Pa. Ave., N. W.; J. R. Williams, M. D., 2109 Pa. Ave., N. W.; W. Calvin Chase, Armond W. Scott, 503 D St., N. W.; Marion L. Clinkscales, 503 D St., N. W.; A. M. Curtis, 1939 13th St., N. W.; C. W. Childs, M. D., 1911 L St., N. W.; Peter D. Morris, 1803 L St., N. W.; John A. Lankford, 307 6th St., N. W., architect; Richard R. Horner, 6th and D Sts., N. W.

## DARK RACE BLESSINGS.

Nothing has ever improved the appearance of colored people like "Complexion Wonder." It makes any dark skin lighter every time it is applied. The best dressed colored women and colored men of New York use it continuously. It improves the colored countenance magically. Dark skinned people also find the "Wonder Hair" preparations just what they need. The "Wonder Comb" helps to straighten the hair; when used with magical pomade called "Wonder Uncurl" it makes any head of kinky hair "put up" well.

If the hair is too short you should use the "Wonder Hair-Grow." This liquid fertilizes the scalp. Just as you fertilize a cotton field to make the cotton grow, so this liquid feeds the scalp and makes the hair grow longer.

Any of these articles will be sent for 50 cents in stamps, or Post-office money order, by M. B. Berger & Co., 2 Rector Street, New York.

## A CINCH.

From the Advocate.

What a cinch the Washington Bee has. It never lacks for editorial subjects for there is always something doing in the public schools.

## A WORD ABOUT CHRISTMAS.

A Christmas present will be doubly appreciated if you give something which is serviceable. Put your money into articles which will add to the comfort and appearance of a home. In this way you are giving happiness and filling a need at the same time.

If you feel that you cannot afford to spare cash for as nice things as you'd like to give, go to the Peter Grogan & Sons Company, 817-823 Seventh street, and make use of the credit proposition offered you there. They will give you an open buying account, with the privilege of paying a little each week or month after the holidays.

Such a stock as they carry gives you an almost endless variety of gifts from which to choose. Something appropriate can be found for any of your family or friends. You need not hesitate to tell them that you'd like to pay the bill later. Their offer of credit is open to all, and you'll find them perfectly willing to charge whatever you wish to buy.

## OUR DRUG STORES.

If you want first-class drugs and fine toilet articles, call in and see Dr. Morse, one of the best druggists in the city.

Board and McGuire are up-to-date druggists, and if you doubt, inspect their place.

Dr. George W. Murray is the pioneer druggist of South Washington. Everybody knows Dr. Murray. He is genial and the man to patronize.

## DADE'S BUFFET.

Elsewhere in The Bee is the advertisement of Mr. Morris Dade, who has opened a buffet at 1216 Pennsylvania avenue northwest. Mr. Dade has one of the best up-to-date buffets in the city. Mr. James Jackson, formerly connected with Gaskin and Gaines, is now with this up-to-date place. Mr. Jackson is popularly known by the best people in this city, and his connection with the Dade Buffet will no doubt be an invitation for a large number of his friends to patronize the Dade Buffet.

## HOUSE AND HERRMAN.

If you want to purchase Christmas and New Year household goods, and if you cannot satisfy yourself elsewhere, give House and Herrman a call. This establishment is one of the largest in the city. There is no excuse for the housewife; she is in a position to call and make her own selection.

Every husband should see that his wife is satisfied before the beginning of the New Year.

## REV. W. McHENRY WINTERS, D. D.

Rev. W. McHenry Winters, D.D., a Cuban missionary, a native of Matanzas, Cuba, is in the city in the interests of his countrymen.

Rev. Winters is a nephew of General Antonio Maceo, who is a gifted linguist, speaking fluently several languages. Rev. Winters comes well recommended as a man of the best blood in Cuba.

In speaking of Cuba and his people, he said that the colored people in Cuba are doing well. They own several million dollars worth of property, and as far as their business is concerned they are doing well. Many



of the largest firms in Cuba are conducted by colored Cubans. He claims that the recent election in Cuba was satisfactory to the colored people, but in a few years the colored Cubans will occupy many important political positions.

Rev. Winters was one of the speakers at the Evangelical Convention, held in Philadelphia this week. Rev. Winters will remain in this city several months before he returns to Cuba. His lecture on "Palestine," this week, was interesting and instructive.

## MRS. BENNETT.

Mrs. Mayne Frank Bennett desires to announce through The Bee to her friends that she has connected herself with Davis & Thorn's Hair-Dressing Parlors, 1403 T street northwest.

The Bee is personally acquainted with Mrs. Bennett and wishes to congratulate Messrs. Davis & Thorn on securing the services of such an accomplished and so amiable and businesslike a woman. Aside from Mrs. Bennett's knowledge of hair culture, she is a highly educated woman, who is an acquisition to any business.

Their parlors are the only ones conducted by colored Americans in this city and for colored Americans.

## HOTEL MACEO.

When visiting New York City, stop at the Hotel Maceo, 213 West 53rd Street, corner Broadway. Steam heated. Telephone, 803, Columbus.

B. F. Thomas, Prop.